

House Resolution No. 4582

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Walter Dearing of Kennett, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an Investigator with the Dunklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, a civic-minded role that he will draw to a close on August 31, 2007, in well-deserved retirement after more than three decades in law enforcement; and

Whereas, after graduating from Holcomb High School, Walter Dearing became a police officer with the Poplar Bluff Police Department in 1973 and then the Butler County Sheriff's Office a year later; and

Whereas, in 1976 Walter Dearing accepted the opportunity to become a deputy with the Dunklin County Sheriff's Department under the guidance of newly elected sheriff Tom Crunk; and

Whereas, after successfully completing studies at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, Walter Dearing shifted the focus of his time and energy to fulfilling the duties of Lead Investigator for the Dunklin County Prosecutor's Office; and

Whereas, Investigator Walter Dearing and Prosecutor Steven Sokoloff soon became known as a team that criminals in the area did not want to go up against in court; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Investigator, Walter Dearing has seen child support issues increase to the point that they are prosecuted in their own unit and has witnessed a ten-fold increase in the amount of bad checks passed in the county, eighty percent of which he has helped to recover on behalf of businesses; and

Whereas, in addition to helping the prosecutor prepare for trial by locating witnesses, subpoenaing witnesses, and gathering information, Walter Dearing took on additional responsibilities as Commander of the Dunklin County Major Case Squad in 1993; and

Whereas, Walter Dearing is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Susan and the loving father of Andrea Dearing and Shannon Moore:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered down through the years by Walter Dearing and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Walter Dearing of Kennett, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas Todd
District No. 163

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4582, adopted August 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker